

REMARKS

The Examiner objected to the specification because the Summary Of The Invention and the Detailed Description Of The Preferred Embodiment were believed to be inconsistent. The Summary Of The Invention has been amended to address this. Claim 6 has been amended in a similar manner to address the same issue.

The specification has been amended to address the Examiner's rejection of Claims 10, 11, and 12. Such claims have also been amended to more accurately define the structures shown in the drawings.

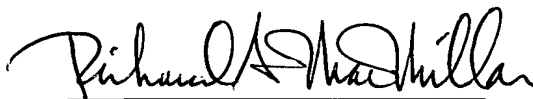
The Examiner rejected Claims 1 through 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious in view of the combined teachings of the Brizzolesi and Martin references. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 1 now defines the invention as a coupling including a driving yoke, a driven yoke, and a body containing a first plurality of bushings and a second plurality of bushings. A first plurality of fasteners secures the driving yoke to the first plurality of bushings, while a second plurality of fasteners secures the driven yoke to said second plurality of bushings. A plurality of tensile members within said elastomeric body connects the first plurality of bushings to said second plurality of bushings.

The Brizzolesi reference does not show or suggest this structure. Specifically, the Brizzolesi reference does not show or suggest a body containing a first plurality of bushings and a second plurality of bushings, as specifically claimed. Rather, the Brizzolesi reference discloses a plurality of individual plates 12, each having a pair of apertures 17 and 18 formed therethrough. A cylindrical metal socket 20 is disposed in each of the apertures 17 and 18, and metal wires 19 are wrapped about the sockets to connect the individual plates 12 together. Thus, independent Claim 1 is clearly patentable over the Brizzolesi reference. New independent Claim 22 defines the invention in a similar manner and, therefore, is also patentable over the Brizzolesi reference. The Martin reference was cited as showing a bushing with a threaded aperture, which is not recited in either of the independent claims. Thus, independent

Claims 1 and 22 are patentable over the combined teachings of the Brizzolesi and Martin references.

Respectfully submitted,

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